



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
from the Department of Regulatory Services – Division of  
Inspections**

Date: November 1, 2007

To: Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee, The Honorable Don Samuels,  
Chairperson

**Subject:** Approval of Inspections Division 2007 Special Assessment Levies

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approves:

1. The following maximum levy amount for each levy below in accordance with preliminary levy listings.
2. Regulatory Services continue to receive pre-payments until 11/30/07 as allowable by law, at which point the final levy list will be sent to the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department.
3. The Director of the Hennepin County Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost of work performed under authorization of Regulatory Services to correct nuisance or hazardous conditions on these properties.

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Approved by:   
Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator, Regulatory Services

  
Henry Reimer, Director of Inspections

Presenters in Committee: JoAnn Velde, Deputy Director Housing Inspections Services

**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

**Supporting Information**

Levy 1080 – Removal of Offensive Matter (rubbish), payable in one year - \$673,092.14

Levy 1081 – Removal of Offensive Matter (weeds), payable in one year - \$442,722.00

Levy 1084 – Removal of Offensive Matter (hazardous trees), payable in five years - \$106,159.97

Levy 1085 – Removal of Offensive Matter (brush and plant growth), payable in one year - \$147,882.25

Levy 1086 – Inoperable Vehicle Tow Administrative Fees payable in one year - \$16,425.00

Levy 1089 – Unpaid Administrative Citations payable in one year - \$2,540,766.00

Levy 1092 – Emergency demolition of the property-\$238,038.15

Levy 1095 - Building Demolition payable in one year - \$563,533.74

Levy 1096 – Vacant/Boarded Housing Registrations payable in one year - \$709,200.00

Levy 1097 – Reinspection Fee's payable in one year - \$63,311.00

Levy 1098 – Securing of Buildings (Police Board Up) payable in one year - \$538,239.34

Levy 1099 – Securing Abandoned Buildings, payable in one year - \$212,935.00



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Levy Code 1080 - \$ 673,092.14 (Rubbish Removal)  
Levy Code 1081 - \$ 442,722.00 (Weed Removal)  
Levy Code 1084 - \$ 106,159.97 (Tree Removal)  
Levy Code 1085 - \$ 147,882.25 (Shrub & Brush Removal)  
Levy Code 1086 - \$ 16,425.00 (Inoperable Vehicle Towing)

Recommendation

That the City Council approve the following levies and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost of abating nuisance conditions in accordance with Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the Director of Inspections is authorized under Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances to abate nuisances relating to offensive matter on private premises including rubbish, long grass and weeds, brush and plant growth and dead trees; and

Whereas, the City Charter of the City of Minneapolis provides that costs incurred in the removal of nuisance conditions shall be levied and collected as a special assessment against the properties;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs incurred in the removal of offensive matter are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Numbers 1080 (Rubbish Removal), 1081 (Weed Removal), 1084 (Offensive Tree Removal), 1085 (Shrub, Brush Removal), and 1086 (Inoperable Vehicle Tow Administrative Fees) be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to defray the costs of work performed under authorization of the Inspections Division to abate nuisances on private properties.

Be It Further Resolved that Levy Numbers 1080, 1081, 1085, and 1086 be payable in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%) and that Levy Number 1084 be paid in five (5) equal annual installments with interest thereon at eight percent (8%) per annum, as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the office of the City Clerk.

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Levy Code 1089 – 2,540,766.00 (Unpaid Administrative Citations)

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council approve the following levy and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost for unpaid administrative citations and civil fines issued in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis did determine that certain properties were in violation of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances and met the criteria stated in Chapter 2 to issue administrative citations and were authorized by the Director of Inspections to have the penalties levied against the property in cases where property owners failed to pay the required administrative citation penalty; and

Whereas, Chapter 2 provides that the unpaid penalties associated with an administrative citation as defined by Chapter 2 shall be levied and collected as a special assessment against the property as provided for in Chapter 10 of the Minneapolis Charter.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs incurred for unpaid administrative citations are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Number 1089 be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to be paid in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%), as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

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Levy Code 1092 - \$238,038.15 (Emergency Demo)

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the following levy and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost for Building Demolition properties in accordance with Chapter 249 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis did determine that certain buildings met the criteria stated in Chapter 87.100 that defines a vacant property and were authorized by the Director of Inspections to have the fee levied against the property in cases where property owners failed to pay the required yearly fee; and

Whereas, Chapter 87 provides that the cost of building demolition property as defined by Chapter 87.110 shall be levied and collected as a special assessment against the property as provided for in Chapter 87 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances when the property owner fails to meet the requirement for fee payment.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs incurred for Building Demolition properties are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Number 1092 be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to be paid in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%), as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

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Levy Code 1095 - \$563,533.74 (Building Demolition)

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the following levy and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost for Building Demolition properties in accordance with Chapter 249 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis did determine that certain buildings met the criteria stated in Chapter 249.80 that defines a vacant property and were authorized by the Director of Inspections to have the fee levied against the property in cases where property owners failed to pay the required yearly fee; and

Whereas, Chapter 249 provides that the cost of building demolition property as defined by Chapter 249.80 shall be levied and collected as a special assessment against the property as provided for in Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances when the property owner fails to meet the requirement for fee payment.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs incurred for Building Demolition properties are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Number 1095 be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to be paid in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%), as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

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Levy Code 1096 - \$709,200.00 (Vacant Building Registration)

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the following levy and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost for registering vacant properties in accordance with Chapter 249 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis did determine that certain buildings met the criteria stated in Chapter 249.80 that defines a vacant property and were authorized by the Director of Inspections to have the fee levied against the property in cases where property owners failed to pay the required yearly fee; and

Whereas, Chapter 249 provides that the cost of registering a vacant property as defined by Chapter 249.80 shall be levied and collected as a special assessment against the property as provided for in Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances when the property owner fails to meet the requirement for fee payment.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs incurred for registering vacant properties are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Number 1096 be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to be paid in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%), as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

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Levy Code 1097 - \$63,311.00 (Re-inspection Fees)

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the following levy and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost for relating to Re-inspection Fees in accordance with Chapter 244 Section 190 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis did determine that certain buildings met the criteria stated in Chapter 244.190 that determine Re-inspection Fees and were authorized by the Director of Inspections to have the fees levied against the property in cases where property owners failed to pay the required fee; and

Whereas, Chapter 244.190 provides that the cost of Re-inspections to gain compliance with housing maintenance orders as defined by Chapter 244.190 shall be levied and collected as a special assessment against the property as provided for in Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances and Chapter 429.101 sub. Sec.(9) of Minn. State Statutes when the property owner fails to meet the requirement for fee payment.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs incurred for Re-inspection Fees are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Number 1097 be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to be paid in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%), as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

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Levy Code – 1098 - \$538,239.34 –(Police Action/Securing Buildings)

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the following levy and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost of securing any building or structure rendered uninhabitable or unoccupied and open to trespass as a result of lawful police action in accordance with Chapter 171 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis is empowered to secure uninhabitable or unoccupied buildings in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 463.251; and

Whereas, the Chief of Police did secure such buildings under the authority of the City Council of the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, this law provides that the cost of securing such buildings shall be charged against the real estate as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 463.21;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs of securing unoccupied or uninhabitable buildings open to trespass under the authority of the Chief of Police are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Number 1098 be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to be paid in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%), as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

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Levy Code 1099 - \$212,935.00 – (Securing Abandoned Buildings)

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the following levy and direct the Director of the Hennepin County Property Taxation Department to place assessments against certain properties to defray the cost of securing abandoned buildings in accordance with Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis is empowered to secure vacant buildings in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 463.251; and

Whereas, the Director of Inspections did secure such buildings under the authority of the City Council of the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, this law provides that the cost of securing such buildings shall be charged against the real estate as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 463.21;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the costs of securing abandoned buildings under the authority of the Director of Inspections are hereby approved and that such costs be assessed against the properties.

Be it Further Resolved that Levy Number 1099 be approved and transmitted to the Hennepin County Taxation Department and that the Director of Hennepin County Property Taxation Department be directed to place assessments against the specified properties to be paid in a single installment with interest thereon at eight percent (8%), as set forth in Petn No \_\_\_\_\_ on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

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